

SARL NEWS - SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2009

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SILENT KEY

It was with sadness that the SARL learned of the passing away of Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, M

(PAUSE)

In the news today:

DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION BOOKING EXTENDED

AMENDED REGULATIONS EXPECTED SOON

BIG EVENT AT THE NARC NEXT SATURDAY

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NSN RADIO AMATEUR OF THE YEAR
AWARDS INVITED

You are listening to ZS6SRL. Stay tuned for more detail on these and other
important and interesting news items.

The deadline for bookings for the National Convention to be held in Cape Town from 24 to 26
The booking form can be downloaded from www.sarl.org.za. The AGM documents are available fr
The National Convention starts on Friday evening 24 April with a spit braai. The AGM starts
On Saturday afternoon you have a choice of going on sea cruise or a visit to Cape Town Radio
Get all the details from www.sarl.org.za, but more importantly don't miss it! Be there!

During the past week ICASA completed the draft input for the Government Gazette with changes

Next Saturday, 18 April, the SARL will be celebrating world amateur radio day with a big eve
Copy the voice message and send it to armi@sarl.org.za as soon as you receive it. At 13:00 a
Hamnet and ZS6SRL will be active from the National Amateur Radio Centre, give them a call on
The activities start at 10:00 and will end at 14:00. Join in the fun. There will be free ref

The South African Amateur Radio Development Trust is inviting nominations for the Nokia Sier
GARTH MILNE TECHNICAL INNOVATION AWARD:

The award is made for the support, development and application of Technological Innovation i
NSN RADIO AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The award is made for the support and development of the Amateur Radio Service in South Afri
NSN AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

Annually the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust is recognising a radio amateur on

The entry form is available on www.amateurradio.org.za. The closing date is 15 May 2009.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The first symposium in the Radio Technology in Action series will be held at the SARL National Convention in Durban.

This weekend presents great weekend opportunities for ZS Worked All Grid Square hunters. Mar 2009 KG02, KG03 and KG04 will be activated by Gerhard, ZS3TG. KF09 will be activated at Verneukpan. On Monday 13th April, you can hear Charles, ZS1CF, from JF86, and ZS1RAP will be active from JF86. Most activity will be on 80 m early in the morning and during the evening and on 40 m during the day. Refer to the postings on the SARL forum for more detail.

The Antique Wireless Association will be having it's annual Open Day on Saturday 25 April at the TAC at Rand Airport. A Map with GPS co-ordinates is available from Andy, ZS6ADY, and you can obtain this by email. Unfortunately the usual venue at the TAC at Rand Airport is not available due to problems with the flea market. Flea market tables are available and one should contact Rad, ZS6RAD, if you need to use one. Thanks a lot and the SARL looks forward to all these young people becoming radio amateurs.

CLUB NEWS

The Oakdale ARC (ZS10AK) will be experimenting with propagation on the 12 m band. During their weekly club news bulletin, every Tuesday evening at 20:00, they will be relaying the news from the other clubs.

During the recent annual "Veldkamp", a grade eleven Voortrekker camp at Doornloof, eighty first prize winners were awarded.

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZ, reports that the expected solar activity will be very low. The geomagnetic conditions are good. The imminent change of season with less energy from the sun reaching the Southern ionosphere means that 10 MHz is looking promising late afternoon and after dark for the CW and digital enthusiasts. Local conditions are going to be good on 40 m during the day time. 80 m may perform well during the evening. 80 m is the frequency of choice in the evenings. Unfortunately the static noise levels are still high. Remember that this is only a prediction and that HF has the capability to pleasantly surprise. Please visit www.spaceweather.co.za for further information.

DIARY OF EVENTS

9 - 12 April ZS3ARC active from Verneukpan and other WAZS activities;
17 April Last day to register for SARL AGM functions; 18 April Bacar demonstration at the NARC and ZS6SRL and Hamnet active for World Amateur Radio Day; 19 April - Autumn QRP Sprint; 23 APRIL Last day to enter for the May RAE; 24-26 April SARL National Convention, Cape Town. 25 April - Open Day of the Antique Wireless Association; 9 May RTA at the NARC; 15 May Closing date for SARDT award nominations.

SARL News invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and the public.

The SARL also invites you to listen to the Amateur Radio Mirror International programme every week.

You have listened to a bulletin of the South African Radio League, compiled by George, ZS6NE.

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